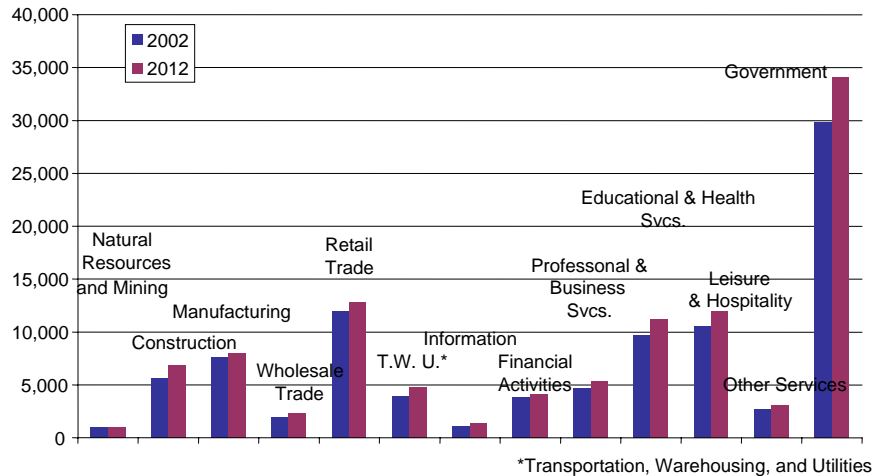


Northern Counties Region Projections Highlights (Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity)

Industry

Nonfarm employment in the Northern Counties Region which includes Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties is expected to reach almost 107,000 by 2012. This represents a growth rate of almost 1.4 percent per year, below the estimated statewide growth rate of 1.8 percent per year for the same period. The largest amount of growth is expected to occur in the Government sector due primarily to employment gains in Local Government as the region's population expands. Significant gains will also occur in the Educational and Health Services, Leisure and Hospitality and Construction sectors. Truck transportation industries will provide almost half the growth forecast in the Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities sector.

Below is a graph of the estimated 2002 and projected 2012 employment levels for the major industry sectors in the Northern Counties region.



The fastest annual rate of growth should occur in the Construction sector at 2.4 percent per year. The Information, Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities sectors follow closely with growth rates estimated at 2.1 and 2.0 percent per year respectively.

Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- Over 12,700 new jobs from industry growth,
- Over 23,200 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of almost 36,000 job openings.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings are expected to generate 20,900 total job openings, which is about 58% percent of all job openings in Northern Counties Region during the 2002-2012 period. At the top of the list are various entry-level occupations such as Cashiers, Waiters and Waitresses, and Teacher Assistants, which pay less than \$9 per hour. Higher-skilled occupations in the top 50 requiring an associate degree or higher include Registered Nurses, Elementary School Teachers, and Secondary School Teachers.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 2.2 percent or more. Many of the occupations are in the Construction and Health fields. Many of the Health occupations require an associate degree or higher. The Construction-related occupations require a minimum of 1-12 month on-the-job training.

